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CONTINENTAL CHOCOLATES

Croatia goalkeeper Omar Collazo is suspended between heaven and earth after punching a ball over the bar to the back of the net.

Prague forward Geoff Sleight displays his steeplechasing ability over Croatia goalie Collazo at last week's match. Croatia won 2-1 and hit the top of the table.

Few teams show any ill effects of mid-season lay off

The theory that fans would stay away from competition matches after the Everton games was debunked last weekend when 18,700 spectators watched Sydney's round nine series.

By LOU GAUTIER assessing the post-Everton form of Sydney teams.

The four Sunday matches attracted nearly 14,000 people — the second largest Sunday attendance this season — despite the fact that there was no match at Woonona, all four games taking place within an area of four miles.

Fans relished the close, exciting matches which marked the long-awaited resumption of the competition.

Every match, with the exception of Corinthians v. Hakoah, was close and could have gone either way.

The closeness of the competition was again evident when Croatia became the sixth team to take the lead after only nine rounds.

Croatia benefit

This is how the 12 first division teams shaped up last week after the lay-off:

CROATIA welcomed the break to mould newcomer Ledezma into the team and showed against Prague that theirs' is a brilliant defence.

CUMBERLAND are as solid, workmanlike as ever and it will take a superb team to shift them from the top rungs of the competition ladder.

APIA had too little time to lick their wounds and are still short of top forwards.

Here is one team which would have needed another two-week lay-off to allow Sinclair and Giacometti to recover.

PRAGUE paid the penalty of lending so many players to the NSW and Australian squads and last Saturday were a mere shadow of the team Sydney fans have come to expect.

HAKOAH more or less continued where they left off three weeks ago — on the up and up — with top Australian goalscorer Herbert Ninaus again amongst the goals.

PAN HELLENIC have lost form altogether.

The lay-off seems to have broken their rythm and they are back where they were before Frank Hearn took over.

YUGAL relished the break which allowed Welsh international Des Palmer to recover completely and score a match-winning hat-trick against Canterbury.

Their defence, however, showed alarming shakiness and Stojanovic was no safer against Canterbury than he was in the first "Test" at Melbourne.

SOUTH COAST just scraped home against Pan Hellenic, Kelly showing strains of his incredibly strenuous schedule.

The provincials used the lay-off to advantage, importing top goalkeeper Rhodes.

BANKSTOWN went through a big internal upheaval while the Everton matches were on.

They, however, collected another valuable point although the team was anything but impressive.

Budapest's plight

BUDAPEST, with no players in either representative team, did not show the same fighting spirit and promise displayed two weeks before the break when they collected four points.

Here is a team that will find it difficult to lift its game and Budapest, the 1962 champions, may be in serious trouble very soon.

CORINTHIANS welcomed coach Frank Broome back, but that was not nearly enough against Hakoah.

It will take a miracle for Corinthians to avoid relegation but Broome could just pull it off.

As for **CANTERBURY**, lay-off or not, they lost their ninth consecutive match — but showed some sign of improvement.

The "Berries", despite the loss of coach Denes Adrigan, scored more goals against Yugal than in their eight previous matches combined.

PREUSSEN MUNSTER MAY PLAY

Preussen Munster, the first division West German team may play in Australia after all.

The Germans stopped over for a few hours in Sydney last Sunday before flying to New Zealand where they will play three matches in seven days.

They are due back in Sydney on Sunday, May 31, and it appears certain that they will meet an under-23 NSW team in a midweek match under floodlights.

The vice-president of the West German Football Association accompanied the team, but stayed over in Australia for four days to watch the Victoria v. Everton game in Melbourne and also to discuss the possibility of three matches in Australia.

A Federation spokesman said yesterday that Prague were refused permission to play the Germans because of a misunderstanding with the tour agent.

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EDITORIAL

Public wants tour details

Fantastically varied estimates are being made by newspapers and club officials of the final profit of the Everton tour.

Some speak of net profits of up to £30,000 while others cry poor claiming the Federation will be lucky to break even.

So far the Federation has made no official announcement at all regarding their revenue and expenditure.

However, it is imperative that as soon as the tour is over — and we don't mean next Christmas — the Federation make public a detailed balance sheet of the tour.

Equally essential is that they tell the soccer public how they intend to put the profit to use.

Many bitter lessons in the past have taught us that large sums could be frittered away by careless or extravagant managements.

The soccer public has a right to know just how much money has been collected in the kitty and what the Australian Federation intends to do with it.

After all, it was the shillings and the pounds of the public that changed hands at the turnstiles.

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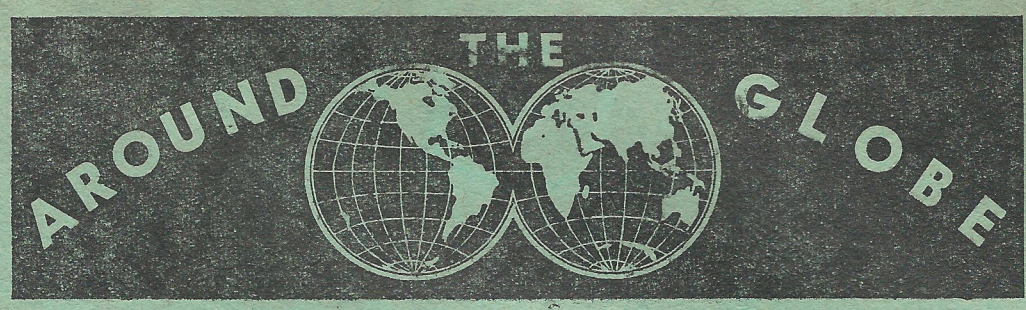

System of European Cup finals may be changed

Many members of UEFA — the European branch of FIFA — are likely to cast their vote in favor of a motion to change the system of finals in both the Champions' and the Cup-Winners' Cups.

They feel that the final should also be a two-leg affair, played in the home cities of the two teams.

At present the finals are played in a neutral country — without return matches.

Experience shows that even the clashes of top teams fail to draw capacity crowds in neutral countries.

Glasgow in 1960 was an exception: 135,000 saw Real Madrid beat Eintracht Frankfurt 7-3 in a memorable ECC final.

However, anything less glamorous than Real Madrid fails to attract the unattached spectators.

Last week only 4,000 people watched in Brussels the final of the European Cup-Winners' Cup between Sporting Lisbon and MTK Budapest.

When after a 3-3 draw the game was replayed two days later at Antwerp, 13,000 turned up.

European critics claim that if the final had been played in Lisbon and Budapest, it would have drawn a total of at least 100,000 spectators.

Italian crowds are especially notorious in ignoring clashes between two foreign teams.

However, when one of their top clubs is involved, either Milan's San Siro or Rome's Olympic Stadium is filled to capacity.

SPAIN

Spanish fans freely tip a Spain v. Russia final in the European Nations' Cup.

They feel that with the home ground advantage they can defeat Hungary while the Russians — if they get past Sweden — are bound to down Denmark in the other semi-final.

The final will be played in late June in Madrid.

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No less than 10 first division Spanish clubs will change coaches during the off-season.

Real Madrid, Betis, Elche, Valencia, Atletico Madrid, Oviedo, newly-promoted Las Palmas, Murcia, Zaragoza and Pontevedra will all be in new hands in 1964-1965.

Big news, of course, is the appointment of Real's new coach and there is some talk that it may be Roque Olsen, a former Argentinian who played for Real in 1956-57.

PORTUGAL

Portuguese fans are incensed at their national team's 3-4 loss to England a fortnight ago.

They claim Spanish referee Marco Gardeazabal allowed two offside English goals, ignoring frantic signals from his linesman.

The Portuguese also claim that Spanish referees are always biased against Portugal and point out that Gardeazabal was also involved in controversial decisions, affecting Portugal, in 1959 and 1962.

HUNGARY

The Hungarian under-23 team last week beat England under-23 at Budapest to the tune of 2-1.

The English team included such first division professionals as Bonetti, Talbut, Cross, Tambling, Venables and Hinton.

The Hungarians relied mainly on provincial players and some first division reserves.

AUSTRIA

Hardly has the rebuilding of the new "Wundermannschaft" started before the whole edifice collapsed in a heap.

The occasion was the turbulent and, for Vienna's Prater Stadium quite familiarly riotous international between Austria and Uruguay.

Every time the Austrians put a "bite" in their play, the tough "Urus" replied in kind.

The result was that in the 50th minute Uruguay's Pavoni had to leave the field.

However, the more polished Uruguay won the match 2-0 — and 45,000 disappointed Viennese fans booed both teams off the field.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Czech coach Jira was the target for violent criticism from the Czech Press after the national team's 2-3 loss to Yugoslavia in Prague.

Jira decided in the last minute to field the national Olympic team instead of the full Czech team.

The Yugoslavs withdrew Sekularac, Galic, and Perusic when they discovered the switch.

The public boycotted the match and the attendance was a mere 14,000 instead of the expected 55,000.

SWEDEN

Stockholm newspapers are gloomy about Sweden's prospects in the European Nations' Cup after their 1-1 draw with Russia at Stockholm.

The Russians led 1-0 until the 89th minute when Hamrin managed to equalise.

The Swedes were greatly inferior in speed and fitness to the basically young Russian team whose stars were goalkeeper Yashin and right half Voronin.

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EUROPEAN NATIONS' CUP: Sweden v. Russia 1-1 (Stockholm); Hungary v. France 2-1 (Budapest; first leg 3-1).

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES: West German OlympicXI v. Beerschot Antwerp 2-1 (Berlin); Berlin XI v. Paris XI 1-0 (Berlin); Hamburger SV v. Liverpool 2-0 (New York); Meiderich v. St Louis 5-2 (St Louis, USA).

OLYMPIC QUALIFICATIONS: Argentina v. Ecuador 1-0; Brazil v. Chile 2-0; Peru v. Colombia 3-0; Uruguay v. Ecuador 1-1; Brazil v. Colombia 1-1. (All played at Lima, Peru); Ethiopia v. Morocco 0-1 (Addis-Abeba); Morocco v. Ethiopia 1-0 (Casablanca).

WORLD CUP PRELIMINARY: Holland v. Albania 2-0 (Rotterdam).

SPAIN (Cup): Betis v. Valencia 2-2; Real Madrid v. Atletico Madrid 2-2; Hercules v. Zaragoza 0-1; Barcelona v. Espanol 3-1.

BELGIUM (Cup final): La Gantoise v. Dienst 4-2 (after extra-time).

YUGOSLAVIA (Cup final): Red Star v. Dynamo Zagreb 3-0 at Belgrade before 65,000 spectators.

PORTUGAL (Cup): Porto v. CUF 6-1; Lusitano v. Benfica 1-8; Setubal v. Belenenses 1-2.

AUSTRIA: (22nd round): GAK v. Admira 1-2; Wiener Neustadt v. LASK 2-1; SVS Linz v. Dorbirn 1-1; Simmering v. Vienna 2-3; Schwechat v. Wiener Sportklub 3-4; Kapfenberg v. Rapid 3-4; FK Austria v. WAC 2-1.

Comp leaders: Rapid 37; FK Austria 30; Schwechat, LASK 26; GAK; Sportklub 25; Admira, Vienna 22.

SWITZERLAND (23rd round): Bienne v. FC Basel 2-2; Cantonal Neuchatel v. FC Zurich 1-1; Chiasso v. Sion 3-3; Grasshoppers v. Chaux-de-Fonds 1-3; Lausanne v. Granges (postponed); Young Boys Berne v. Servette Geneva 3-2. **Comp. leaders:** Chaux-de-Fonds 33; Servette Geneva 32; FC Zurich 31; Young Boys Berne, FC Basel 26; Lausanne 25.

ITALY: (33rd round): Atalanta v. Torino 1-1; Bologna v. Messina 2-0; Fiorentina v. Modena 0-0; Genova v. Internazionale 0-2; Juventus v. Catania 4-2; Vicenza v. Spal 1-0; Lazio v. Sampdoria 0-0; Mantova v. Roma 1-0; Milan AC v. Bari 2-0. **Comp. leaders:** Bologna, Inter Milan 52; Milan AC 49; Fiorentina, Juventus 38; Vicenza 35; Torino 33.

Briefly put . . .

Fourth division Brighton have bought England centre-forward Bobby Smith from Tottenham for a mere £5,000 ... *Hungarian-born Jeno Csaknady is likely to coach the new European Cupwinners' Cup winner Sporting Lisbon next season* ... Johnny Brooks, Crystal Palace's English international, has settled in Canada where he will play for Toronto City ... *Feyenoord's world-class left winger Koen Moulijn is Holland's "footballer of the year"* ... Star Danish centre-forward Ole Madsen captained Scandinavia in their match against the "Rest of Europe" ... *former Swiss national coach Karl Rappan has accepted to coach Lausanne Sports next season* ... the 240 West German Bundesliga matches attracted 6,500,000 spectators in 1963-64 ... *Frans de Muynck, Holland's greatest-ever goalkeeper is likely to coach a West German club next season* ... Munoz, the Real Madrid coach, has joined Valencia ... *French international Maryan Wisnieski may transfer from Sampdoria to local rivals Genoa* ... Manchester United have paid £12,000 for Shamrock Rovers' goalie Pat Dunne ... *the first leg of the West Germany v. Sweden World Cup elimination tie will be played in Berlin on November 4* ... FC Sao Paulo beat Borussia Dortmund, last year's German champions, 3-1 at Dortmund ...

WHO COMES ? . . . WHO GOES ? . . . WHAT GOES ? . . .

SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

APIA have again outdrawn every other first division team this year. So far 47,200 spectators watched APIA's eight competition matches, some 10,000 more than nearest rivals Pan Hellenic. With matches against Bankstown, Pan Hellenic and Budapest still to be included in the first round attendance totals, APIA should top the 70,000-mark at the halfway stage of the competition. APIA, in 1963, attracted 164,000 people to their 22 competition matches or an average of 7,000 per match. At the moment they are averaging exactly 1,000 less.

Conducted by EINAR PERSEN

GRANVILLE-AEK will hold their mid-season ball at the Paddington Town Hall on Saturday. More than 600 guests are expected.

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THE first team of Croatia, with reserves Bitujanic and Djukic, will travel to Wollongong on Saturday afternoon to prepare for Sunday's vital match against South Coast United at Woonona Oval. The team will stay at a motel and have a light training session Sunday morning. On Sunday night Croatia will hold a dance at the Warrawong Hall to give their many Wollongong-based supporters a chance to meet the players.

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WILLIAM Harvey has asked Prague for a transfer to Newcastle Austral and Balint Jonas, the former Budapest player, has joined Prague from Lake Macquarie.

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Bankstown coach Ray Neal resigned because he did not agree with the club's change of selectors. Former Welsh international Ron Hewitt has assumed the dual responsibility of selector-coach.

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JOHNNY Giacometti will marry Miss Nadia Clapcich on Saturday at the Immaculate Conception Church, Leichhardt.

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BOBBY Shugg was appointed captain of the Granville-AEK team last Sunday as a gesture to mark his 21st birthday.

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BANKSTOWN have more Australian-born players than any other team in Sydney. The local-born players are Bob Madden and his son Dennis, goalkeeper Bill Rorke, halfback Charlie Perkins, forward Gary Oberman and fullback Peter Scahill.

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NOW that the Sydney Showground is available for Sunday football it appears probable that the Sydney grand final this year may be played there. The Sports Ground is unlikely to hold the crowd if two drawcards reach the grand final. Last year people had to be turned away from the Sports Ground half an hour before the kick-off when 31,000 spectators packed the ground for the South Coast v. APIA match.

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PRAGUE's John Pettigrew is definitely out for the rest of the season. The ill-fated Newcastle-born stopper must have another cartilage removed.

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DID you notice that the Sydney v. France rugby league match last Saturday attracted less spectators than the two Sydney Everton matches? It will be interesting to see whether the 52,000-odd crowd at the NSW v. Everton match will be bettered in Sydney football before the Rugby League grand final.

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HAKOAH's 25th anniversary ball will be held at the Chevron-Hilton Hotel on July 4. Reservations can be made by contacting the social chairman, Mr Szenes, on 69-1351 or 67-8328 after hours.

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DON'T be too harsh on APIA's new Scottish "importation" Duncan Falconer. Last week was the first time he ever played in the forward-line. Falconer was one of the best centre-halves in Scotland and was valued at £9,000 on the Scottish transfer market when he played for Hibernians.

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STUART Sherwin's father-in-law passed away last Saturday. This is why the fair-haired Englishman missed his first match in five seasons with Prague.

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YUGAL have denied that they are expecting players from Yugoslavia. Their vice-president is now in Yugoslavia where he is finding it difficult to obtain clearances for players. Meanwhile the club is still awaiting official clearance for forward Raffanelli who has been in Sydney for four months.

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BANKSTOWN are expecting their new centre-half, Brian Heward from Lincoln City, to arrive on June 3. Two days later centre-forward Roger Bamforth will also arrive. Bamforth spent the last two years in the Midland League afer being on Aston Villa's books for two seasons.

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APIA claim they have their best-ever third grade team. They have only lost one game to date—against Canterbury, always one of the leading third grade sides in Sydney. Four of APIA's third-graders are now playing second grade and doing very well. The lads come from Cabramatta. Bankstown and Gladesville to play for APIA.

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NSW Federation secretary Aulden Brown accompanied Everton to Newcastle on Monday but hurried back to Sydney immediately.

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THISTLE players were not robbed of their wallets and watches at Seymour Shaw Park a fortnight ago as reported in this column but at "home" at Knights Park, Fairfield.

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HAKOAH are expecting a half-back from Fulham, David Edwards and an inside-forward, Ron Hewlett, from Scottish Third Lanark sometime next week. Hakoah have also four teenage British players arriving shortly.

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FORMER NSW representative fullback George Nuttall is coaching Canterbury since the resignation of Denes Adrigan. Canterbury, however are expected to appoint a well-known fulltime coach soon.

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BERNARD Bryant, the Sutherland coach has returned from a three-month refresher course at the Chelsea, England, coaching academy. Since Bryant's return Sutherland have put up creditable displays particularly in the second half of their matches.

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HIGHLIGHTS of last Sunday's APIA v. Cumberland match will be shown on Channel 9's soccer show on Saturday morning. Terry Byrne will also interview NSW Federation chairman-president Ben Nathan and discuss the repercussion of the Everton tour on Australian soccer.

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CHAIRMAN of the NSW Referees' Appointments Board, J. Neis, passed away last Saturday. SOCCER WORLD extends its sympathy to the late Mr Neis' bereaved family.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

B. RHODES (SCU)

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G. LEDEZMA (Croatia) — R. FOLWELL (Cumberland) — L. SCHEINFLUG (Prague)

B. SMITH (Pan Hellenic) — D. PALMER (Yugal)

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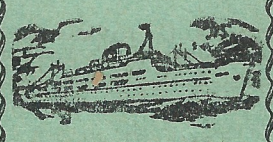

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NSW SECOND DIVISION

Polonia-NS, Granville-AEK clash in vital match at the summit

Granville-AEK consolidated their position at the top of the ladder by improving their goal-average at Marconi's expense.

The well-balanced, solid Granville machine appears to have no cracks and at the half-way mark of the competition have 22 points out of a possible 22.

The clash between leading goalscorers Jelisavcic and Witczak produced nine goals in the exciting Blacktown-BSK v. Polonia-NS match at Francis Park.

Polonia won by the odd goal, but deteriorated their goal-average.

Even if they beat Granville-AEK on Sunday their position will be grim as they will need to gain another three points on the leaders.

Wollongong Olympic, as expected, had to fight all the way to toss Jimmy Wardaugh's revitalized Western United.

The provincials are now alone in third place, eight points behind Granville-AEK.

Melita Eagles confirmed their recovery by beating Thistle in a very hard fought match and have joined Blacktown-BSK in equal fourth place.

Sydney Austral notched their fifth draw against Sutherland who are having one of their best seasons ever.

Sydney Austral have the players to perform much better but only won one game this season.

Hapless Manly were unable to use their home ground to advantage, Concordia recording a big 5-1 win to jump to seventh place.

Marconi's huge loss to Granville-AEK was expected as the Bossley Park side are really on the skids after an impressive start.

An estimated 3,000 spectators watched last week's round with nearly 1,500 spectators at the Blacktown-BSK v. Polonia-NS thriller on Sunday.

THIS WEEKEND

Polonia-NS MUST beat Granville-AEK at Drummoyne Oval on Sunday to retain any hope of gaining promotion.

Should Granville repeat their first round 2-1 victory, the second division race for promotion will be all over as AEK will have an unassailable six-point lead.

This should be a "classic" with the contrast in styles providing an excellent spectacle comparing more than favorably with this weekend's first division matches.

The more technical, polished Polonia, on their home ground, are slightly favored to turn the tables on their arch-rivals, thus bridging the gap which separates Sydney's top two second division teams.

All other matches are overshadowed by this match at the summit but the Melita Eagles v. Blacktown game at Fraser Park will influence the rankings in the "first four" as both teams are level on points.

Blacktown's star forwards Zivkovic and Jelisavcic will represent a constant threat to the Fazackerley-led Melita defence.

Melita Eagles, now back to form, should win by the odd-goal.

Youthful Sutherland, at home, will make it hot for the improving Wollongong Olympic but the more experienced visitors are likely to return home with both points.

Draw specialists Sydney Austral are tipped to win their second match of the season at Thistle's expense in what could be a high-scoring game.

Marconi, at Bossley Park, may halt their downward trend by beating unpredictable Concordia while woodenspooners Western United and Manly will do battle at Girraween Park.

Manly are likely to be further isolated at the foot of the table as a result of this game because Western United have now developed into a solid team, deserving a more respectable position on the ladder.

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COMPETITION TABLES

FIRST DIVISION
First grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	5	2	2	22	14	12
Cumberland	4	3	1	22	12	11
APIA	5	1	2	19	11	11
Prague	5	—	3	22	15	10
Yugal	5	—	3	22	20	10
S. Coast Utd.	4	1	3	16	13	9
Hakoah	4	1	3	16	15	9
Pan Hellenic	4	—	4	17	14	8
Bankstown	3	2	4	16	21	8
Budapest	2	3	3	16	15	7
Corinthians	2	1	6	15	20	5
Canterbury	—	—	9	7	38	—

FIRST DIVISION
Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Croatia	6	2	1	22	9	14
Pan Hellenic	5	1	2	29	18	11
S. Coast Utd.	4	1	2	19	12	9
Hakoah	3	2	2	15	12	9
Cumberland	3	2	3	25	18	8
Prague	4	—	3	16	15	8
Budapest	3	2	3	23	22	8
APIA	2	4	2	13	15	8
Canterbury	3	2	4	11	17	8
Bankstown	3	1	5	18	23	7
Yugal	1	2	5	10	18	4
Corinthians	2	—	7	14	36	4

FIRST DIVISION
Third Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Canterbury	6	2	1	31	8	14
Budapest	6	—	2	16	8	12
Bankstown	6	—	3	23	12	12
APIA	4	3	1	22	14	11
Yugal	4	2	2	19	13	10
Corinthians	4	2	3	12	11	10
Hakoah	4	2	2	18	20	10
S. Coast Utd.	3	3	1	21	9	9
Prague	3	—	4	13	14	6
Croatia	—	2	7	7	35	2
Cumberland	—	1	7	8	26	1
Pan Hellenic	—	1	7	6	24	1

SECOND DIVISION
First Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville-AEK	11	—	—	52	15	22
Polonia-NS	8	2	1	48	14	18
Wollongong O.	7	—	4	35	23	14
Blacktown-BSK	6	1	4	34	25	12
Melita Eagles	4	4	3	18	16	12
Sutherland	4	3	4	29	40	11
Concordia	4	2	5	28	33	10
Marconi	4	1	6	18	25	9
S. Austral	1	5	4	20	26	7
Thistle	2	2	7	24	35	6
Western Utd.	2	1	7	16	33	5
Manly	1	1	9	11	46	3

SECOND DIVISION
Second Grade

	W	D	L	F	A	P
Granville-AEK	9	—	2	46	12	18
Concordia	7	2	2	26	11	16
Wollongong O.	8	—	3	34	16	16
Sutherland	7	1	3	32	17	15
Polonia-NS	7	1	3	35	21	15
Blacktown-BSK	7	—	4	34	23	14
Manly	6	2	3	31	23	14
Marconi	4	1	6	22	24	9
S. Austral	2	1	7	20	55	5
Melita Eagles	1	2	8	11	32	4
Western Utd.	2	—	8	13	36	4
Thistle	—	—	11	14	48	—

Last week's results

FIRST DIVISION
2nd and 3rd Grades

Croatia v. Prague	3-1	2-5
Budapest v. Bankstown	2-1	1-0
Pan Hellenic v. SCU	3-2	1-6
Yugal v. Canterbury	1-1	1-1
Corinthians v. Hakoah	0-2	2-3
APIA v. Cumberland	1-1	2-1

SECOND DIVISION
1st and 2nd Grades

Melita Eagles v. Thistle	2-1	4-3
S. Austral v. Sutherland	3-3	2-7
Blacktown v. Polonia-NS	4-5	2-5
W. Olympic v. Western	2-1	4-0
Granville-AEK v. Marconi	5-0	5-0
Manly v. Concordia	1-5	1-1

LEADING SCORERS

J. ALAGICH (Yugal)	8
B. KELLY (Cumberland)	8
J. RICHARDSON (Cumberland)	7
L. SCHEINFLUG (Prague)	7
J. WATKISS (APIA)	7
G. BARNETT (SCU)	6
H. NINAUS (Hakoah)	6
J. FERNIE (Pan Hellenic)	5
J. GALAMBOS (Budapest)	5
E. MASSEY (Croatia)	5
M. RINOS (Croatia)	5
R. HOARE (Croatia)	5
L. SCHAUMAN (Croatia)	5
B. SMITH (Pan Hellenic)	5
N. STIFFLE (Bankstown)	5

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SYDNEY RESULTS & DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

CROATIA
2 (1)

J. Gergely 43 min penalty, E. Massey 55 min.

PRAGUE
1 (0)

R. Frazer 70 min own goal.

BUDAPEST
1 (0)

V. Fernandez 76 min.

BANKSTOWN
1 (0)

R. Marklew 61 min.

CORINTHIANS
2 (0)

P. Irving 57 min, L. Bennett 82 min.

HAKOAH
4 (3)

H. Ninaus 13 and 30 mins, L. Baumgartner 39 min, K. Kauz 55 min.

APIA
1 (0)

N. Cossettini 72 min.

CUMBERLAND
1 (1)

J. Richardson 20 min.

PAN HELLENIC
0 (0)

S. COAST UTD.
1 (0)

M. Johnson 70 min.

YUGAL
6 (4)

J. Alagich 7 and 78 mins, D. Palmer 10, 25 and 70 mins, J. Medina 83 min.

CANTERBURY
4 (3)

C. Lorenzo 15 min, R. Baker 32 min, D. Yaager 39 min, T. Ewing 55 min.

HOW THEY LINED UP

O. Collazo 5; J. Puig 4, J. Gergely 4; G. Ledezma 4, A. Hetherington 4, *N. Bischoff* 5; M. Rinos 3, R. Frazer 3, E. Massey 4, R. Hoare 3, L. Schauman 4.

TOTAL: 43 **Coach: E. Massey**

R. Lord 4; F. Falzon 4, K. Hiron 4; G. Jones 4, A. Handorf 4, *L. Scheinflug* 5; R. Blitz 2, B. Green 2, N. Badaracco 3, G. Sleight 3, L. Gauto 2.

TOTAL: 37 **Coach: W. Tamandl**

M. Clark 3; H. Stegbauer 3, D. Buchanan 4; M. Schaefer 4, P. Banicevic 3, H. Rodriguez 3; M. Krgin (sent off), J. Warren 2, J. Galambos 3, V. Fernandez 3, T. Zuckerman 2.

TOTAL: 30. **Coach: L. Hegyes**

W. Rorke 3; R. Madden 3, E. West 3; B. Jarvis 3, R. Cowling 4, D. Madden 3; N. Stiffle 3, R. Hewitt 3, W. Hume 2, R. Marklew 3, G. Oberman 2.

TOTAL: 32 **Coach: R. Hewitt**

G. Bathurst 3; D. Lapwood 3, P. Dewhurst 3; B. Williams 3, R. Robinson 3, P. Irving 4; D. Todd 4, L. Bennett 4, P. Barnes 3, V. Ireland 3, S. Hart 3.

TOTAL: 36 **Coach: F. Broome.**

G. McGuire 4; T. Edwards 3, B. McGuire 3; R. Kearns 4, M. Woods 3, *A. Marnock* 5; M. Bell 3, K. Kauz 4, L. Baumgarnter 3, E. Holder 4, *H. Ninaus* 5.

TOTAL: 41 **Coach: M. Woods.**

A. Iglesias 4; *C. Van Blerk* 5, S. Ackerley 3; P. Hughes 4, J. Marston 4, F. Bottalico 4; D. Falconer 2, K. Jaros 3, J. Watkiss 3, *J. Wong* 5, N. Cossettini 4.

TOTAL: 41 **Coach: G. Polgar.**

B. Stevens 5; W. Addison 3, P. Keen 4; G. Arnott 4, R. Folwell 4, G. McPhail 4; S. Turner 3, B. Kelly 3, J. Richardson 4, M. Collins 3, V. Reynolds 4.

TOTAL: 41 **Coach: L. Quested.**

J. Bout 4; G. Yangou 4, D. Wright 4; R. McKellar 4, J. Curry 3, C. Omeros 3; D. Logan 3, *B. Smith* 5, J. Fernie 2, J. Pearson 4, S. Patrinos 3.

TOTAL: 39 **Coach: F. Hearn.**

B. Rhodes 5; *P. Woods* 5, B. Salisbury 4; J. Kelly 3, J. Harris 4, M. Tolson 3; P. Beattie 2, M. Johnson 4, J. Doherty 3, G. Barnett 3, W. Perry 3.

TOTAL: 39 **Coach: J. Kelly**

M. Mazzina 2; H. Ringhoff 3, J. Mucillo 3; L. Lazarevic 4, M. Stojanovic 3, F. Dunaj 3; J. Alagich 4, E. Schwarz (sent off), A. Nincevic 2, *D. Palmer* 5, J. Medina 3.

TOTAL: 33 **Coach: A. Jagodic.**

R. Corry 2; P. Duggan 3, G. Nuttall 4; B. Senior 3, T. North 3, R. Dougan 3; C. Lorenzo 3, D. Yaager 3, T. Ewing 3, R. Baker 3, B. Wilcox 2.

TOTAL: 32 **Coach: G. Nuttall.**

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

A fast, exciting and entertaining match. Croatia's superb defence stole the honors and won the match. Prague's forwards gave an inept display, lacking any resemblance of constructive ideas and finishing touches. None played with more heart and purpose than Australian captain Les Scheinflug, who continually "fed" his forwards, but he received no support whatsoever. Croatia played a tight defensive game to perfection and were content to leave Hoare and Schauman to engineer breakaways.

Referee K. Lockrey was average.

Crowd: 3,800. **— LOU GAUTIER**

A totally inadequate, drab and dull match of very low standard. After a reasonable start Budapest failed to establish their superiority and inexplicably became rattled. Krgin's expulsion and a missed penalty then almost sealed their fate. Bankstown fought on gamely but without the slightest cohesion or attacking scheme. The two forward lines missed almost a dozen absolute sitters which could have decided the tie. On displays like this both teams should consider themselves first class candidates for relegation.

Referee Timms' standard matched that of the game.

Crowd: 1,100. **— PAUL DEAN**

Hakoah coasted in the first half to lead 3-0. Until the 55th minute Hakoah were vastly superior, but relaxed after leading 4-0, allowing Corinthians to creep back into the match. Highlight of this one-sided game was the performance of Ninaus, back at his goalscoring best. Corinthians had little to offer apart from speed and a gallant fighting spirit.

Referee A. Boskovic was excellent.

Crowd: 1,500. **— LINCOLN WALTERS**

A draw was a good result despite APIA's overwhelming territorial advantage. Although APIA attacked for practically the whole second half the Cumberland defence was never at sea, always holding well together under tremendous pressure. APIA again lacked a polished forward-line, Wong being the only useful forward. Cumberland were workman-like and their breakaways always spelt danger, twice hitting the uprights.

Referee H. Eilerts was average.

Crowd: 6,300 **— LOU GAUTIER**

South Coast were saved from defeat by the remarkable display of new English goalkeeper Rhodes who performed miracles between the sticks. Pan Hellenic had enough chances to win handsomely but were unable to pierce the Woods-inspired South Coast defence. A draw would have been a fair result as Pan Hellenic were unlucky to have a controversial goal disallowed at a vital stage of the match. Brian Smith was the only Pan Hellenic forward to show dash, but Jim Fernie had a shocking off-day.

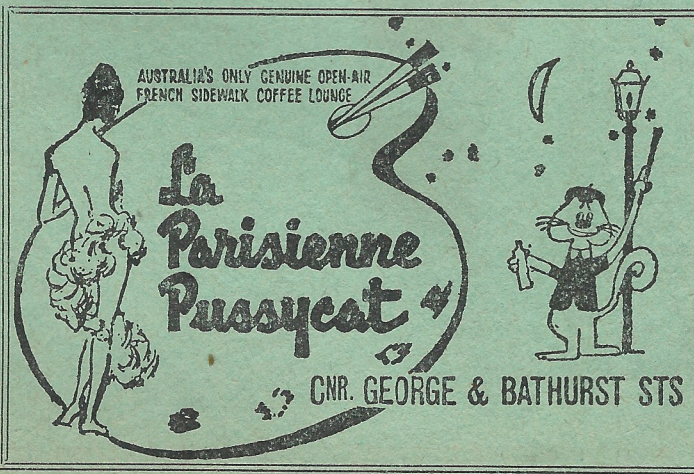
Referee F. Woolman was hesitant, lost control of the match towards the end.

Crowd: 4,900. **— PETER FLOW**

Canterbury looked as though they would win their first match of the season when they led 4-3 with 70 minutes remaining. Yugal, however, awoke from their stupor in the final stages, scoring three goals to win a scrappy, but exciting match. Both sets of defences were shaky, making elementary mistakes which resulted in most of the 10 goals. Goalies Mazzina and Corry, in particular, gave disastrous displays.

RefereeD. Buchan was firm, did well to send Schwarz off.

Crowd: 1,200. **— DES BROADIS**



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Lead may change weekly among pack of rivals

With a little luck, the competition lead could change hands almost weekly from now on in one of Sydney's closest and most evenly balanced seasons.

By PAUL DEAN who asks Croatia to show cause why they couldn't win this premiership?

One week it's Prague, then Cumberland, then Croatia—who knows, it may be APIA's turn next.

Quite a bitter battle is raging at the other end of the table where, apart from the doomed Canterbury, Corinthians, Budapest and Bankstown are heading for trouble.

Although we have not yet reached even the half-way mark in the competition, every goal scored and conceded is gaining in importance.

Bankstown v. APIA

JUST GUTS

If APIA are still serious about their premiership hopes then they should go out and wrap this match up in no uncertain way.

And wrap it they can as Bankstown have little to offer apart from guts.

APIA's forward problems are still acute and newcomer Falconer does not look like the solution.

A fit Giacometti and Sinclair is what they really need to relieve Cossettini of the arduous task of goal-scoring.

Bankstown have many structural weaknesses in their team, one of them being a slow defence.

It would take a drastic reversal of from for APIA to drop even one of the points.

Our tip: APIA.

C'land v. P. Hellenic

DASH LACKING

One more defeat and Pan Hellenic can start saying farewell to their cherished semifinal chances.

Last week they were decidedly unlucky to lose—but this time they may do it without bad luck.

Cumberland are a supremely confident side with a very solid defence and a pair of fast, clever and scheming wingers.

They are a team always hard to beat and now their high position on the table must serve as a further incentive to do well.

Pan Hellenic's forwards at times look painfully aenemic; their fancy pattern-weaving at midfield doesn't culminate in sufficient dash in front of goal.

A fit Brian Smith could add zest and punch to that line but it is questionable whether it will suffice against Sydney's new British glamor side.

Our tip: Cumberland.

S. Coast v. Croatia

FANS WAITING

Perry went, came—and South Coast won just when they needed the points the most.

Their new goalie Rhodes last week saved them from certain defeat and he may repeat his performance at his home-ground debut.

So far this season the Coasters have not really spoilt their own fans and it's time they turned on the fireworks at Woonona.

Competition leaders Croatia, vastly underestimated even a few weeks ago, are fast developing into a top side.

With so many accomplished players in their ranks, there is no reason why they should not go from strength to strength.

Still, at Woonona they won't find it easy and they will have to consider themselves lucky if they can rescue one of the two points.

Our tip: S. Coast.

Prague v. Yugal

NEWLY RICH

This strange Yugal team is full of Bohemian qualities, making it hard to properly assess them.

They can play well on occasions but they can also stand still on the pitch amusing themselves and giving heart condition to their fans.

Still, with the return of Palmer and the re-establishment of the "old guard" in defence, they are not a team to scoff at.

Prague, with several new players at their disposal, obviously suffer from the common soccer disease of changing their team too often.

If they keep experimenting with various new formations they may find that the competition which they had regarded as their own will be snatched from under their noses.

Our tip: Prague.

Hakoah v. Budapest

KEYS RUSTY

Easing up after a 4-0 lead, Hakoah last week confirmed their improving form.

Slowly but surely they are revealing their potential and from now on will down many a more fancied opponent.

The combination of Ninaus and Baumgartner once again works well and the reinforced rearguard can also hold its own.

Budapest, on the other hand, have mysteriously broken down last week and came pretty close to losing to a very poor Bankstown.

Several of Budapest's key players — Banicevic, Krgin, Rodriguez, Warren, etc.—are painfully out of touch, almost as if during the competition spell they had been inactive, which is not the case.

An entirely new spirit and a vastly improved form will be needed to make a go of their clash with Hakoah.

Our tip: Hakoah.

Cant'bury v. C'thians

POINTS VITAL

Four goals in one match—that was quite an achievement for Canterbury's youthful attackers.

However, this can only happen against a Yugal so brilliantly capable of lifting their opponents' game.

The points are vital to Corinthians and quite immaterial to the Berries.

If Corinthians could win, they would collect two valuable points in their fight to move close to respectability.

They should be able to do it, despite Canterbury's fine effort last week.

The Corinthians defence is hardly likely to let the Canterbury forwards walk the ball into the net while at the same time, their own forwards should net enough to scrape home as narrow winners.

Our tip: Corinthians.

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, MAY 30

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)

Bankstown v. APIA — Bankstown Oval
Canterbury v. Corinthians — Arlington Oval

SECOND DIVISION

(Two Grades: 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)

Thistle v. Sydney Austral — Knights Park
Western Utd. v. Manly — Girraween Park

SUNDAY, MAY 31

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)

Cumberland Utd. v. Pan Hellenic — Mona Park
South Coast United v. Croatia — Woonona Oval
Prague v. Yugal — Marks Field
Hakoah v. Budapest — Wentworth Park

SECOND DIVISION

(Two Grades: 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)

Melita Eagles v. Blacktown-BSK — Fraser Park
Sutherland v. Wollongong Olympic — Seymour Shaw Park
Marconi v. Concordia — Marconi Oval
Polonia-NS v. Granville-AEK — Drummoyne Oval

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)

Croatia v. Cumberland — Arlington Oval
Bankstown v. Hakoah — Bankstown Oval

SECOND DIVISION

(Two Grades: 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)

Sydney Austral v. Melita Eagles — Cricket Ground No. 2

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

FIRST DIVISION

(Three Grades: 11.45 a.m., 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)

Pan Hellenic v. APIA — Wentworth Park
Yugal v. SCU — Marks Field
Corinthians v. Prague — Drummoyne Oval
Budapest v. Canterbury — Hurstville Oval

SECOND DIVISION

(Two Grades: 1.15 & 3.00 p.m.)

Blacktown-BSK v. Sutherland — Francis Park
Wollongong Olympic v. Polonia-NS — Balgownie Oval
Granville-AEK v. Western United — Macarthur Park
Manly v. Marconi — Dee Why Oval

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R. MADDEN	2	C. VAN BLERK
T. WEST	3	S. ACKERLEY
B. JARVIS	4	P. HUGHES
R. COWLING	5	J. MARSTON
D. MADDEN	6	F. BOTTALICO
N. STIFFLE	7	R. MURUA
R. MARKLEW	8	K. JAROS
W. HUME	9	J. WATKISS
R. HEWITT	10	J. WONG
N. OBERMAN	11	N. COSSETTINI

Referee: K. LOCKREY
Linesmen: L. Wilson, F. Johns.

CANTERBURY v. CORINTHIANS

R. CORRY	1	J. BATHURST
J. DUGGAN	2	D. LAPWOOD
G. NUTTALL	3	P. DEWHURST
B. SENIOR	4	B. WILLIAMS
T. NORTH	5	R. ROBINSON
R. DOUGAN	6	P. IRVING
C. LORENZO	7	D. TODD
D. YAAGER	8	L. BENNETT
T. EWING	9	P. BARNES
R. BAKER	10	V. IRELAND
B. WILCOX	11	S. HART

Referee: N. JONES
Linesmen: A.R. Brown, T. Reid

CUMBERLAND UTD. v. PAN HELLENIC

B. STEVENS	1	J. BOUT
W. ADDISON	2	N. YANGOU
P. KEEN	3	D. WRIGHT
G. ARNOTT	4	R. McKELLAR
R. FOLWELL	5	J. CURRY
G. McPHAIL	6	C. OMEROS
S. TURNER	7	S. PATRINOS
B. KELLY	8	B. SMITH
J. RICHARDSON	9	J. FERNIE
M. COLLINS	10	J. PEARSON
V. REYNOLDS	11	D. LOGAN

Referee: A. BOSKOVIC
Linesmen: D. Buchan, N. Campbell.

PRAGUE v. YUGAL

R. LORD	1	M. MAZZINA
F. FALZON	2	H RINGHOFF
J. BOND	3	J. MUCILLO
G. JONES	4	L. LAZAREVIC
A. HANDORF	5	M. STOJANOVIC
S. SHERWIN	6	F. DUNAJ
R. BLITZ	7	J. ALAGICH
L. GAUTO	8	E. SCHWARZ
P. HRNCIR	9	A. NINCEVIC
L. SCHEINFLUG	10	D. PALMER
G. SLEIGHT	11	J. MEDINA

Referee: H. PARSONS
Linesmen: S. Pundyk, T. Cirbs.

HAKOAH v. BUDAPEST

G. McGUIRE	1	M. CLARKE
T. EDWARDS	2	H. STEGBAUER
B. McGUIRE	3	D. BUCHANAN
R. KEARNS	4	M. SCHAEFER
M. WOODS	5	P. BANICEVIC
A. MARNOCK	6	S. ISAAC
M. BELL	7	J. VASVARY
K. KAUZ	8	J. WARREN
L. BAUMGARTNER	9	J. GALAMBOS
E. HOLDER	10	V. FERNANDEZ
H. NINAUS	11	T. ZUCKERMANN

Referee: H. EILERTS
Linesmen: J. Scifleet, W. Irons.

SOUTH COAST UTD. v. CROATIA

B. RHODES	1	O. COLLAZO
P. WOODS	2	J. PUIG
B. SALISBURY	3	J. GERGELY
J. KELLY	4	G. LEDEZMA
J. HARRIS	5	A. HETHERINGTON
M. TOLSON	6	N. BISCHOFF
J. BROWNLIE	7	M. RINOS
M. JOHNSTON	8	R. FRAZER
J. DOHERTY	9	E. MASSEY
G. BARNETT	10	R. HOARE
W. PERRY	11	L. SCHAUMAN

Referee: F. SBISA
Linesmen: L. Kalman, N.F. Jones.

Tipsters' corner

A win for the home team is indicated by 1, a draw by x and a win for the visiting team by 2.

THIS WEEKEND'S FIRST DIVISION MATCHES	PAUL DEAN	LOU GAUTIER	EINAR PERSEN	MARCEL NAGY	S.W. GUEST*	MOST FAVORED
Bankstown v. APIA	2	2	2	2	2	2
Cant'bury v. Corinthians	2	2	2	x	2	2
Cumberland v. P. Hellenic	1	1	x	2	1	1
Prague v. Yugal	1	1	1	x	1	1
Hakoah v. Budapest	1	1	1	x	1	1
S. Coast Utd. v. Croatia	1	1	x	1	x	1

* *APIA and NSW forward Johnny Wong.*

Enfield may need Forde pills to crack Croatia

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Last week's unexpected results have thrown the first division table into the melting pot.

Saturday's eighth round should again provide several even games.

Enfield v. Croatia

ENFIELD RESERVE

Speed, hard tackling and vigor should be part and parcel of this interest-filled clash.

Croatia's relentless close-checking has atoned for their unreliable attack in recent games and the irrepressible Tom Forde will need to don his international thinking cap if Enfield are to score a win.

Our tip: Croatia.

Birkalla v. Polonia

CAMDEN OVAL

Branded in some quarters as "poor, hapless Birkalla", the Rovers have their sights set on their third straight win.

Polonia will have their hands full to defeat Birkalla particularly with Norman Massie moved to Western Australia and Arpad Zsuppan seeking a clearance back to Budapest.

Our tip: A draw.

C'land v. Budapest

BAILEY RESERVE

From past experience Budapest know that it is never a foregone conclusion that they will return from Bailey Reserve with full points.

Cumberland's bustling methods and the short ground do not suit Budapest's short passing style.

However, with their more classy performers Budapest should end up on top.

Our tip: Budapest.

Hellas v. Austria

HINDMARSH STADIUM

Hellas have lost twice the number of games they have won; an unimpressive performance from the Ampol Cup winners.

Although studded with star material, Hellas have shown a disturbing lack of team spirit and staying power.

This game could make or break both teams so settle back for a needle clash.

Our tip: Hellas.

Juventus v. Victoria

HANSON RESERVE

Without Donnelly and Crawford, Juventus looked inadequate in attack last week.

Although a top v. bottom game, Juventus will not be home and hosed unless they can produce form approaching their very best.

Our tip: Juventus.

JUVENTUS DOWN

Juventus last week retained top ranking despite their first loss of the season, to Budapest.

DETAILS:

BUDAPEST 1
JUVENTUS 0

Scorer: Matiscsak for Budapest.

BIRKALLA 2
AUSTRIA 1

Scorers: Sutherland, Jones for Birkalla; Baines for Austria.

CUMBERLAND 2
POLONIA 1

Scorers: Connell 2 for Cumberland; Cornlissen for Polonia.

CROATIA 2
HELLAS 0

Scorer: Bilic 2 for Croatia.

VICTORIA 3
ENFIELD 2

Scorers: Felton, Miles, West (penalty) for Victoria; McRae, Batchelor (penalty) for Enfield.

CRISP COMMENTS

Austria, Budapest and Victoria are negotiating with German team Preussen Munster to play a match under lights against an S.A. side probably next week at Norwood Oval.

The three SA clubs have seven of the State players who played against Everton and have asked Juventus to allow Charlie Horvath and Nilo Rusalen to play.

Watch the daily press for final details of the game.

—o—

Lion, determined to regain first division status, have signed two more Scottish-born players who arrived in Adelaide last week.

They are Jim Mill, 24, a left back who played for Broxburn Rovers in the Scottish junior league cup final last year and Ian Monan, 23, who scored two goals for their opponents, Ardeer Recreational in the final.

Monan, a 6ft. 4in. inside-forward, renewed his acquaintance with Mill, when the pair met for the first time since the final, at a Lion training session.

Everton stars Alex Scott and Sandy Brown are both former Broxburn Rovers players.

—o—

Birkalla and SA forward Rab Jones has signed for Enfield City, but his club will not consider releasing the dynamic player until the end of the season.

—o—

Juventus utility player Arnold Jennings was involved in a car accident last week.

The tall star's vehicle was a complete write-off but Jennings escaped with a shaking.

CRACK GERMANS MAY TOUR

The vice-president of the West German Sports Federation, Dr Kurt Roessler, said in Sydney yesterday that top West German club Meiderich of Duisburg may tour Australia after Christmas.

Dr Roessler said that the Australian Federation was very interested in Meiderich's visit.

The West Germans would be in Australia during the winter break in the German competition.

Meiderich, which finished second in the West German Bundesliga this year, have top internationals Helmut Rahn, Kramer and Manglitz in their line-up.

They are now touring the United States and will take part in the New York international tournament.

Dr Roessler also told SOCCER WORLD that the West German Sports Federation was definitely interested in sponsoring an Australian under-23 team to Europe in October.

Three matches would be played in West Germany, including Berlin, Dr Roessler said.

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JUST may topple top ranking Slavia

— From Bob Low in Melbourne —

Slavia, in the box seat, should retain this position after the weekend games by getting at least one point from their encounter with JUST.

Slavia v. JUST

Neck and neck on the league ladder with Slavia grabbing the leadership on goal average, this should be an outstanding Saturday attraction at Olympic Park.

And the equality is a true indication of the sides, both of whom give little away in defence but have problems in attack.

The standard of soccer should be high throughout as both teams make an all-out attempt to play attractive, productive soccer.

The same game last year ended in a 1-1 draw and I wouldn't be surprised if this result was repeated on Saturday.

M'bourne v. G. Cross

League placings don't indicate that this may be an outstanding attraction.

But it could be, and for two very good reasons.

Melbourne will introduce their new Argentinian inside forward, Dante Moyano who has shown up very well in practice.

And George Cross, not to be outdone, may include an English first division player—if he arrives in time.

Alexander v. Juv'tus

A battle royal this one with Juventus knocking at the "four door" and Alexander only managing to keep off the bottom rung of the ladder.

This contrast could be deceptive and hardly provides an indication on the ultimate result of the game.

Alexander may have new blood in their side, a centre forward and a centre half, two key positions which they badly lack.

In a game of thrills and spills Juventus look the likelier lot.

My tip: George Cross.

Lions v. Hakoah

Unless Lions can pull off a win over their rivals in distress they're in serious trouble and must be considered candidates for relegation.

And at this early stage of the season, too.

The Lions with a brand new ground lack fitness as well as determination and purpose and cannot feel anything but pessimistic about their recent showings.

The Middle Park side, Hakoah are no great shakes but at least some improvement is noticeable and the acquisition of McIver has brought fresh hope.

My tip: Hakoah.

Polonia v. Triestina

Following their defeat by Wilhelmina the big question being asked is: "Are Polonia on the slide"?

I hardly think so.

But it appears that with so many old heads in their side they are lacking in pace and this could be dangerous against a side such as Triestina whose chief attributes are spirited enthusiasm and speed off the mark.

Overall the Poles are infinitely superior and should win but if Triestina can break through early to score then the fat may be in the fire.

Hellas v. Wilhelmina

If Hellas are to maintain their challenge to the league leaders then they must account for the strong-going Wilhelmina at Middle Park.

But this won't be an easy assignment for the Greeks—not by a long chalk.

Hellas, playing much better than they have done for some time, have a dangerous tendency to slacken off when in the lead.

Although Hellas are a better combination they will have to fight hard all the way to get even one point.

Jaded Everton well held by Vic

Victoria's State team rocked Everton last Sunday at Olympic Park when they gave an outstanding display, thrilling the crowd of 29,000-odd and earning the admiration of the touring side.

Everton v. Victoria

3-1

From the outset it was obvious that Everton were better matched than they were two weeks ago against an Australian side.

And the "toffey boys" realised this early on when they didn't have things their own way.

But despite Victoria's great opening Everton went into the lead in the 11th minute when Scott and Gabriel made the opening which gave Temple a through pass and the centre beat Hobson from 10 yards.

Twice in this half, which was far from one-sided, the referee had words with the Everton captain about ungentlemanly conduct—speaking back to the referee.

On resumption Victoria appeared with Mladenovic replacing Jankowski at inside forward as the latter had run out of steam.

But it was Everton who scored again.

This time it was somewhat of a lucky goal.

Vernon hit a loose ball which bounced off the underside of the cross bar and rebounded into play but referee Sbisa gave a goal.

And he could have been right in such a hairline decision.

(He was. The TV camera showed clearly the ball well over the line. Editor.)

Soon after Everton were rocked back on their heels.

Adam made group on the left wing, swung over a cross and Goldie headed against the cross bar.

From the rebound Mladenovic scored to bring Victoria on better terms.

Everton slow

Everton at this stage were beginning to lose the pace and were definitely worried about their inability to pass the strong Victorian defence which was giving little away.

Ten minutes before full time Everton made sure of victory when Vernon made no mistake after getting a picture cross from Morrisey.

The match was no cake walk for Everton.

The lesser lights of Victoria had them worried for most of the game and how Everton showed it.

Bad passing, lack of combination, crude tackling and lack of pace suggest that the Everton side have been making merry in their Sydney "night life".

Victoria on the whole gave a wonderful display.

Had the attack matched up to the defence then Everton could have been in real trouble.

And I mean trouble.

Hobson, Shepherd and Rice were outstanding in defence but the attack never clicked and Goldie as spearhead was the most disappointing of the five.

For Everton, Brown at full back, Vernon and Morrisey were the key men.

Makeshift centre forward Jimmy Gabriel was probably the worst man on the field, thanks mainly to Billy Rice.

Victoria: Hobson; Shepherd, Cook; Janczyk, Rice, Micic; Kowalec, Jurecki, Goldie, Jankowski (Mladenovic), Adam.

Everton: Rankin; Brown, Meagan; Stevens, Labone, Harris; Scott, Temple, Gabriel, Vernon, Morrisey.

Referee: F. Sbisa of NSW had an excellent game.

Always up with the play, Sbisa was not afraid to exercise his authority.

—BOB LOW

Unfit tourists struggle

Those in Sydney who watched the live telecast from Melbourne were shocked by Everton's lethargic performance.

They looked absolutely jaded, tired, listless and complacent.

Without their main assets—speed and fitness—they never looked like an English professional team.

No doubt, the "holiday atmosphere" during their stay in Sydney took its toll on the players.

Everton confirmed my previous opinion that they are not a great team—merely a very efficient football machine.

No other touring team in recent years—Rapid, Ferencvaros, FK Austria, Hearts or Blackpool—ever sank to such dismal depths as Everton did in Melbourne.

But all this should not take too much merit from Victoria's very courageous display.

Their defence was particularly impressive—more so than either the NSW or the Australian teams.

At the same time it should be pointed out in all fairness that the Everton forwards had a wretched day.

Gabriel, Temple, Scott and even Vernon played so badly that one couldn't help wondering just how much they would deteriorate if they stayed in Australia for half a year instead of four weeks.

—Paul Dean

Everton's fury demolishes WA

— From our Perth correspondent —

Angered by derogatory comments over a Perth radio station, Everton decided to make someone pay — and hapless Western Australian players were the victims of the Englishmen's wrath.

Everton went on the Western Australian Cricket Ground determined to score as many goals as possible and for the first time on the tour were really "flat out" from start to finish.

A capacity crowd of 16,000—an all-time Perth soccer record—saw the best display by an overseas team since Hajduk Split of Yugoslavia won by the same score on the same ground in 1949.

Everton paid WA the compliment of playing all their star players, Vernon, Scott and Labone taking the field, whereas they had been rested against South Australia the previous Wednesday.

The visitors were so intent on piling on the goals that they scored nine second half goals after leading 5-1 at the interval.

The only WA goal was scored by Ireson but he appeared well off-side.

For Everton outside right Derek Temple scored five goals and his team-mates Vernon, Scott and Irish international Jimmy Hill three apiece.

Scott replaced 17-year-old Hurst after 20 minutes, quickly making his presence felt by tearing the loose WA defence to shreds.

WA's mistake

WA made the mistake of trying to play an open, close-passing game instead of packing their defence like Tom Forde's South Australians had done in Adelaide.

The locals, however, lacked the individual talent, condition and speed to match Everton at their own game, resulting in an avalanche of goals.

Although former Pan Hellenic and Auburn (Sydney) goalkeeper Tremeritus conceded 14 goals, he was not to blame on any as they were all screaming sizzlers which all but tore the net.

Everton coach Tommy Eggleston said after the match that his team had played at full pace and could not have scored any more goals.

Eggleston said that WA were weaker than any other team Everton had met so far in Australia but that, on the other hand, this had been the first team Everton had not "loafed" against at any stage on tour.

WA officials were heartbroken at the 1-14 loss, feeling that local soccer may take years to recover from the humiliation.

A leading WA Federation official said that Everton had wrecked soccer in the West to get even with a radio commentator who was not even a soccer man.

Australian Soccer Federation Everton tour promotion committeeman Walter Sternberg, who accompanied Everton to Perth, said he would recommend that WA should not be allowed to play against future overseas teams without being reinforced by leading Sydney and Melbourne players.

Sternberg said that WA standards were so weak that one-sided exhibitions in Perth would wreck Western Australian soccer altogether.

How they lined up and played:

Western Australia: Tremeritus; McArdle, Nobbs; Montague, Simpson, Oughton; Ireson, Reid, McInroy, Mayle, Monks.

Everton: West; Brown, Heslop; Stevens, Labone, Harris; Temple, Hill, Hurst (Scott), Vernon, Morrissey.

Scorers: Temple 5, Scott 3, Hill 3, Vernon 3 for Everton; Ireson for WA.

Referee: W. Hosie (SA).

Crowd: 16.000 (WA record).

NZ kids excel despite being robbed by a year

New Zealand was following the English FA methods of planning in order to build up the sport in the Dominion, Jim Hughes, assistant national coach of the NZFA said on his recent visit to Australia when in charge of the New Zealand under-15 schoolboy team.

From KEITH GILMOUR

He gained the full coaching badges of the Irish and English FAs before migrating to New Zealand with his family, six years ago.

In private life he has a business as a chartered surveyor.

Back in Britain he was coaching Linfield of Belfast, the Irish first division side now managed by former Newcastle United ace Jackie Milburn.

Jim Hughes said coaching schools were operated at colleges and universities in New Zealand.

"Every effort is being made to coach managers as well as players," he said.

The New Zealanders played excellent football and their only break-down against Combined High Schools was clearly due to matching them against a much older side.

Centre half Murray Ferguson, their captain of Dunedin, is already a remarkably competent player.

Others who impressed me greatly were D. Tamati, the Maori half back from Waikato, right half B. Turner (Auckland), inside right R. Gowan (Wellington) and right back M. Rennie (Waikato).

Socially the visitors enjoyed their tour and gave top marks to Illawarra Association for their hospitality and assistance.

Many boys of the New Zealand schoolboys' team demonstrated the thoroughness of Jim Hughes' methods in their Australian matches.

Although giving away a year, they were unlucky to lose 2-3 to NSW at the Sydney Showground.

The team was chosen following the national under-14 championships held in September, 1963.

Players were brought together from all over New Zealand for five weeks of intensive training and enrolled at high schools at Hamilton, North Island.

Coaching sessions were held at night, with Saturday games arranged against local teams.

At least four of the players in the team could represent New Zealand by 1968.

Bad blunder

Having given so much time to his team, Jim Hughes and his association were disappointed that Australian teams were under 16 against his under 15's.

He said all correspondence from New Zealand for a year before the tour had referred to under 15 teams.

No less than three minutes of the NSW Amateur Association similarly mention under 15's.

The tour was accepted in principle as under 15 (minute 112 on 26.4.1963) and confirmed as such (minute 248 on 21.6.1963)

Yet the final itinerary and letter from the NSW Amateur secretary to New Zealand referred to under 16's and local associations were also told to prepare under 16's.

Australia's soccer reputation may depend on making clear-cut, honorable arrangements and keeping them.

Because of a local administrative weakness, the recent series must remain inconclusive.

With inter-dominion relationships involved in this situation, the matter requires investigation by the Australian Federation

Such an episode must never be repeated.

Full tour results:

v. Victoria at Melbourne Showground 5-3

v. Australian XI, Olympic Park, Melbourne 0-1

v. ACT at Canberra 2-1

v. Illawarra at Wollongong Showground 4-1

v .NSW at Sydney Showground 2-3

v. Sydney at Sydney Athletic Field 1-1

NSW Combined High Schools at Wentworth Park 1-4.

FOURTH CUP

This specially compiled chart shows the progression table of the 1963-64 European Cup-Winners' Cup, ultimately won by the Portuguese Sporting Lisboa.

This was the fourth time that this Cup was played and every year so far has shown an increase in the number of entrants.

Previous finals:

1961: Fiorentina (Italy) beat Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 2-0 and 2-1.

1962: Atletico Madrid (Spain) beat Fiorentina 3-0 at Stockholm.

1963: Tottenham Hotspurs (England) beat Atletico Madrid 5-1 at Rotterdam.

Home no longer sweet

One of the most striking features of fullscale international fixtures in Europe is the diminishing importance of playing at home.

One explanation is that spectators are becoming less one-eyed and thus cease to represent a "goal advantage" to the home team.

In recent weeks several internationals were won by the visiting side—and the home crowd took the defeat calmly.

France went down to Hungary in Paris and the 35,000 spectators actually applauded the victors.

West Germany lost to Czechoslovakia at Hannover and then, one week later, the Czechs lost to Yugoslavia at Prague.

Pity the Yugoslavs had no home match straight after so that they could provide further interesting proof for this theory.

England beat Portugal at Lisbon, Uruguay defeated Austria in Vienna and the Russians almost won—actually drew—against Sweden in Stockholm.

Somehow fullscale internationals seem to be losing their former glamor as more and more European fans refuse to get too hot under the collar about their national team.

However, all the old vehemence and passion has transferred to international club matches, especially the two European Cups.

In those series it is still quite an achievement to win a match away from home.

And the fans, attached to their club colors, can still be as unruly as ever —as events in recent years have proved.

EUROPEAN CUPWINNERS' CUP 1964

I ROUND		II ROUND	QUARTER FINAL	SEMIFINAL	FINAL
Atalanta Sporting Lisbon	2-0; 1-3; 1-3 (4-6)	Sporting beat Apoel 16-1; 2-0 (18-1)	Sporting beat Manchester United 1-4; 5-0 (6-4)	Sporting beat Lyon 0-0; 1-1; 1-0 (2-1)	Sporting beat MTK 1-0 (first match 3-3)
Apoel Gjovik Lyn	6-0; 0-1 (6-1)				
Tottenham	bye	Manchester United beat Tottenham 0-2; 4-1 (4-3)	Lyon beat Hamburg 1-1; 2-0 (3-1)	MTK beat Celtic 0-3;4-0 (4-3)	
Willem II Tilburg Manchester Utd.	1-1; 1-6 (2-7)				
Shelbourne Barcelona	0-2; 1-3 (1-5)	Hamburg beat Barcelona 0-0; 4-4; 3-2 (7-6)	Celtic beat Slovan 1-0; 1-0 (2-0)		
Hamburg Union Spora	4-0;3-2 (7-2)				
Olympiakos Zaglebie	2-1; 0-1; 2-0 (4-2)	Olympique Lyon beat Olympiakos 4-1; 1-2 (5-3)	MTK beat Fenerbahce 2-0; 1-3; 1-0 (4-3)		
Ol. Lyon Odense	3-1; 3-1 (6-2)				
FC Basel Celtic	1-5; 0-5 (1-10)	Celtic beat Dynamo 3-0; 1-2 (4-2)			
Linzer ASK Dynamo Zagreb	1-0; 0-1;1-1 (2-1)				
Palloseura Slovan Bratislava	1-4; 1-8 (2-12)	Slovan beat Borough 3-0; 1-0 (4-0)			
Sliema Wand. Borough United	0-0; 0-2 (0-2)				
Linfield	bye	Fenerbahce beat Linfield 4-1; 0-2 (4-3)			
Fenerbahce Petr. Ploesti	4-1; 0-1 (4-2)				
Motor Zwickau	bye	MTK beat Zwickau 2-0; 0-1 (2-1)			
MTK Budapest Slavia Sofia	1-0; 1-1 (2-1)				

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Scratch NSW team to face WA

A brand new team will represent NSW against Western Australia in the Australian Representative Championship match on June 15.

The match will be played on the Queen's Birthday holiday, Monday at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

The game must be away from Sydney because the four postponed matches of round eight when APIA, Prague, South Coast and Hakoah had players in the Australian squad will take place on that day.

Since the Prague, Pan Hellenc, Budapest, APIA, Hakoah, Yugal, South Coast United and Cumberland United players will be doubling up on Monday, only players from Croatia, Corinthians, Bankstown and Canterbury will be available for the interstate match.

These four clubs have played their round eight matches and Corinthians, Bankstown and Canterbury will play on Saturday, June 13.

Croatia will play on Sunday, June 14, against Pan Hellenic, so their players, too, will be able to fly to Melbourne on Monday morning for the match against Western Australia.

NSW Federation officials feel that Western Australia is so weak—as the 1-14 loss to Everton eloquently showed—that it really does not matter who plays against them, even though the match will be in Melbourne where the crowd is bound to show their traditional antagonism towards NSW.

Despite this "devil may care" attitude, NSW are in a very strong position to retain their Australian national title as, irrespective of the teams fielded against Western Australia and Newcastle, NSW should have little difficulty chalking up big wins in their remaining two matches.

Victoria, the current leaders on goal-average, have tough matches against South Australia and Queensland.

The only obstacle between NSW and the national crown is for South Australia to win their three matches in 1964 against Victoria, Queensland and Newcastle but it appears unlikely that they will not drop at least one point.

Five clashes

The vital Victoria v. South Australia match will be played at Melbourne's Olympic Park on the Saturday before Monday's WA v. NSW match.

Then on Monday, Victoria meets Queensland in Brisbane.

No less than five interstate matches wil be played over the Queen's Birthday weekend.

They are: Victoria v. South Australia, Melbourne, June 13; Tasmania v. Western Australia, Hobart, June 13; NSW v. Western Australia, Melbourne, June 15; Newcastle v. South Australia, June 15, Newcastle; Queensland v. Victoria, Brisbane, June 15..

NSW look certain to keep a clean slate against Western Australia despite the fact that the NSW team will only be a "D" representative side.

This is the NSW team I would choose to play Western Australia in Melbourne: Collazo (Croatia); Puig (Croatia), Nuttall (Canterbury); McLeod (Canterbury), Hetherington (Croatia), Bischoff (Croatia); Stiffle (Bankstown), Hewitt (Bankstown), Massey (Croatia), Bennett (Corinthians), Schauman (Croatia).

Reserves: W. Rorke (Bankstown); C. Perkins (Bankstown), M. Rinos (Croatia).

—L. GAUTIER

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EVERTON v. UNDER 23 MATCH CANCELLED

The proposed Everton v. Australia Under-23 match set down for the Sydney Sports Ground on Saturday was cancelled early this week.

The match was abandoned because of commitments to the British Pools which have started operating on Australian matches.

The Bankstown v. APIA and Canterbury v. Corinthians matches set down for Saturday, were already printed on thousands of pools coupons and it would have been impossible to print new ones in time.

Australian Federation officials also felt that the match may not draw enough.

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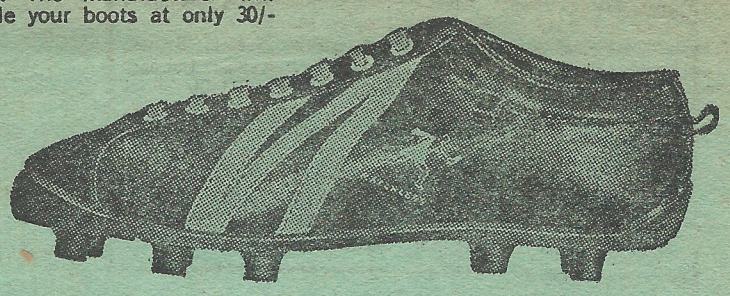

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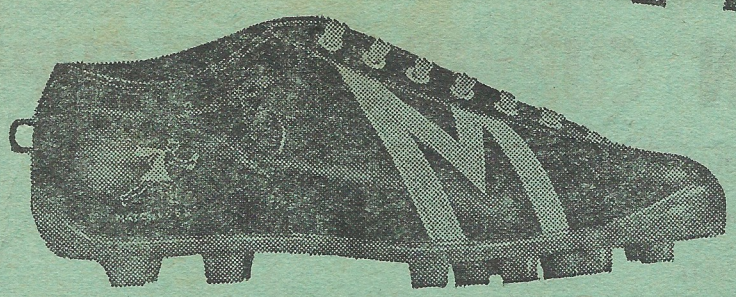

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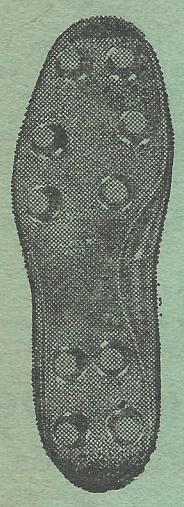

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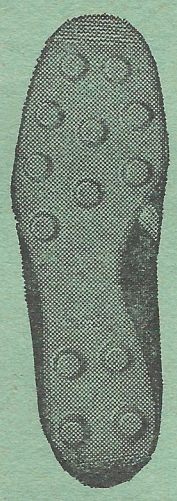

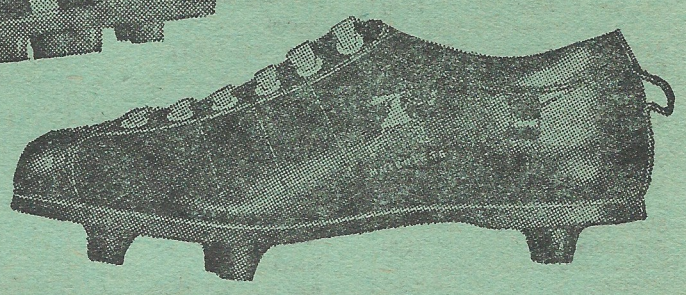

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